

TOPIC Railroad Construction Project near Simmersdorf

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REMARKS [REDACTED]

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1. On 12 January 1953, a conference was held at the Cottbus regional railroad headquarters on railroad operations and construction work necessitated by the construction of an airfield near Simmersdorf (D 52/A 76).¹ Oberbauleiter Horn (fnu) will be responsible for the railroad project and he will be assisted by Roehmheld (fnu) and Laukus (fnu), chief of the above-ground and underground construction departments respectively. The airfield is to be completed in 1953. The Bauunion Dresden is scheduled to employ 3,500 workers on this project. At present, 200 workers are assigned to it. The project includes the construction of a spur track extending to the east from the Weisswasser-Forst railroad line, about 500 meters south of Simmersdorf railroad station, to the area of the projected airfield. Work on the construction of the spur track, the completion date of which is 15 February, has been started.

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- a. A total of 35 to 40 carloads each is expected to be handled daily for above-ground and underground works at the projected airfield. The cars loaded with construction materials for above-ground works will be unloaded at two different points designated above ground I and II respectively. The gravel required will be obtained northwest of Gross-Koelzig railroad station and shipped to the construction site on a narrow-gauge field railroad track, which crosses the railroad line at kilometer marker 20.²
- b. About 3,000 construction workers will be quartered in temporary buildings, while about 500 workers from Forst and vicinity will have to be daily provided with railroad transportation. This necessitates the execution of the following railroad construction work

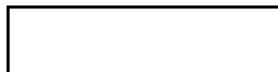
- (1) Reconstruction at Forst railroad station of dismantled tracks Nos 7 and 9 for shunting operations. The representatives of the Bauunion firm concerned declared that they would make the construction materials required available,
- (2) Platform 2 at Simmersdorf railroad station would have to be lengthened in a makeshift way. Its present length is 155 meters.
- (3) Construction of a transfer track with a length of 600 meters. It was originally planned to build a 400 meters transfer track.

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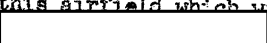
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
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1.  Comment. Information on the construction of this airfield which will be near Jocksdorf, was transmitted previously. See  Simmersdorf railroad station is on the single-track Forst-Weisswasser railroad station, about 10 km south of Forst.

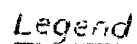
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2.  Comment. For sketch of the project, see Annex.

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- Single-track, standard-gauge railroad line
Single-track, standard-gauge track (permanent)
Single-track, standard-gauge track (temporary)
narrow-gauge field railroad track

scale about 1:25,000